

Washington, DC – Later today the U.S. House of Representatives is expected to pass a bipartisan resolution introduced by Congresswoman Gwen Moore recognizing the impact a healthy breakfast can have on a student's performance in the classroom. The resolution, identical to a resolution passed by the Senate last week, is being introduced in honor of National School Breakfast Week and acknowledges how the National School Breakfast program improves children's nutrition, concentration, and attendance in class, especially when breakfasts are provided during the school day and targeted to low-income students. The resolutions encourage all states to strengthen their school breakfast programs, recognize the need to provide states with resources to ensure all low-income students receive a nutritious breakfast, and express strong support for states that have successfully implemented breakfast programs.

"As our country faces tough economic times, many more families are struggling to feed their children and often turn to schools for assistance," Feingold said. "In honor of National School Breakfast Week, this resolution calls attention to the fact that all children should have access to a healthy breakfast so they can perform their best in school. I will continue to work with Senator Kohl and Congresswoman Moore, and through Child Nutrition Reauthorization, to ensure no child's education suffers because of hunger."

"The evidence is overwhelming that breakfast is tied to a student's classroom performance. Sadly, many kids have no choice but to come to school hungry," Kohl said. "Helping ensure that every student starts the day with a nutritious breakfast encourages optimal learning conditions in the classroom for all our children."

"Though our country is in the midst of tough economic times, no child in our community or across this country should ever go to school hungry," said Congresswoman Moore. "When our children are able to eat quality meals in the morning we see improvements in math and reading scores as well as cognitive skills. Children who eat breakfast at school perform better on standardized tests than those who skip breakfast. And if our children are going to be able to compete in a global environment we need to do everything we can to make sure they succeed."

In 2007 Kohl, Feingold and Moore introduced the Student Breakfast and Education Improvement Act as a way to help increase funding for a universal school breakfast program in schools across the nation. Several studies examining the impact of school breakfast have shown that there can be improvements in student academic performance and in the classroom environment by reducing tardiness and improving student attentiveness—especially if breakfast

is served during the school day. Yet the Department of Agriculture's Food Nutrition Service reveals that in 2008 less than half of the low-income students who participate in the national school lunch program also participated in the national school breakfast program.

The resolution honoring National School Breakfast Week is endorsed by the Milwaukee Hunger Task Force, the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the School Social Work Association of America.

The bipartisan Senate resolution is co-sponsored by: *Senators Evan Bayh (D-IN), Mark Begich (D-AK), Bob Bennett (R-UT), Roland Burris (D-IL), Bob Casey (D-PA), Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), John Kerry (D-MA), and Bernie Sanders (I-VT).*

The bipartisan House resolution is co-sponsors include: *Baca (D-CA), Baldwin (D-WI), Bishop (D-GA), Bordallo(D-GU), Brown (D-FL), Castle (R-DE), Childers (D-MS), Dahlkemper (D-PA), Davis (D-IL), Filner (D-CA), Al Green (D-TX), Grijalva (D-AZ), Gutierrez (D-IL), Hare (D-IL), Johnson (D-NY), Kildee (D-MI ), Kilpatrick (D-MI), Kind (D-WI), Lee (D-CA), Levin (D-MI ), Lewis (D-GA), Maloney (D-NY), McDermott (D-WA), Massa (D-NY), Moore (D-KS), Norton (D-DC), Obey (D-WI), Rangel (D-NY), Ruppersberger (D-MD), Sandlin (D-CO), Scott (D-VA), Serrano (D-NY), Sires (D-NJ), Space (D-OH), Stark (D-CA), Towns (D-NY), Wexler (D-FL).*

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